

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1-4, and add new claims 5-13, so that a complete set of the pending claims will read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A timekeeping device comprising:
 an input unit connected to a computer peripheral interface of a computer and
 having a control circuit therein to perform relevant functions; and
 a timekeeper disposed on said input unit, said timekeeper having a timekeeping
 circuit connected to said control circuit, said timekeeping circuit being connected to an alarming
 unit, a display unit, and switches for starting timekeeping, setting a predetermined operation time
limit, or resetting time, said display unit being connected to said control circuit; ^{not in spec.}
whereby a user can be informed of the time of operating a the control circuit turns
the computer, or a computer can be automatically turned on or off after said input unit is
operated for said predetermined operation time limit. ^{new matter not in spec.}

2. (Currently Amended) The timekeeping device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
 input unit ~~can be~~ is selected from the group consisting of a mouse, a track ball, or a keyboard.

3. (Currently Amended) The timekeeping device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
 control circuit has a micro controller therein, ~~whose~~ said micro controller having an I/O pin that
 is connected to said display unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The timekeeping device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
 alarm unit ~~can be~~ is selected from the group consisting of a ~~voiee~~ sound part or a light emitting
 part.

5. (New) A method for turning off a computer by an input unit connected to a computer peripheral interface of the computer, said input unit having a control circuit and a timekeeper, said timekeeper having a timekeeping circuit connected to said control circuit, said timekeeping circuit being connected to switches for starting timekeeping, the method comprising the steps of:
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setting an operation time limit;
counting an operation time by the timekeeping circuit after the computer is started; and
turning the computer off when the operation time reaches the operation time limit.

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6. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the input unit additionally has an alarm unit that is connected to said timekeeping circuit, and further comprising the step of activating the alarm unit when the operation time reaches the operation time limit.

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7. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the input unit additionally has a time display unit.

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8. A device for timing usage of a computer, comprising:
a computer mouse;
manually operable means on the mouse for setting an operation time limit for usage of the computer; and
an alarm unit carried by the mouse for emitting an audible or visible signal when the operation time limit expires.

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9. (New) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the alarm unit comprises an LED.

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10. (New) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the alarm unit comprises means for emitting sound.

11. (New) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the means for emitting sound is a buzzer.

12. (New) The device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a time display on the mouse.

13. (New) The device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means for curtailing operation of the computer when the operation time limit expires.